






# The Role of Tafarkin Tsira Islamic Center Azare on Community Service Delivery: A Focus on Marriage Counseling

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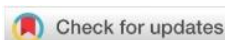
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## Abstract

This article examines the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center Azare's extensive marriage counseling programs, which are based on Islamic principles and specially designed to cater to the various requirements of the neighborhood's Muslim population. Pre-marital, post-marital, and conflict resolution counseling are all provided by the center, with an emphasis on teaching couples about their rights and responsibilities, encouraging open communication, and mediating disputes between spouses. Through the use of content analysis, interviews, and a review of prior reports, the activity employs a qualitative methodology to demonstrate how these services have improved community well-being overall, decreased divorce rates, and contributed significantly to marital stability. The activity findings revealed that TafarkinTsira Islamic Center promotes solid and healthy marriages through its counseling programs, which are the cornerstone of stable families and a cohesive community. These services have an effect on more than just a couple; they also help the larger community by fostering social peace, financial stability, and mental health. The importance of religious organizations like TafarkinTsira in tackling social issues and assisting the community by providing faith-based counsel is highly recommended.

## A. Introduction

Islamic teachings emphasize the importance of maintaining marital harmony and resolving conflicts in accordance with the principles outlined in the Qur'an and Hadith (Mujtaba et al., 2023). In this context, marriage counseling plays a vital role in ensuring that marriage relationships are strong, healthy, and aligned with Islamic values (Udofia et al., 2021).

Marriage counseling is a crucial component of community service, particularly in societies where marital stability is a key determinant of social cohesion and individual well-being. In Islam, marriage is a fundamental institution, regarded as a sacred contract (nikah) that fosters mutual love, respect, and cooperation between spouses (Platt & Scheitle, 2017; Sujono, 2022).

Islamic principles provide the foundation for marriage counseling services offered by the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center in Azare, Bauchi State, Nigeria. The importance, strategies, and effects of marital counseling

on the local Muslim community are examined in this paper, which also examines the center's role to community service delivery through marriage counseling (Muhammad et al., 2024).

The Islamic emphasis on compassion and understanding inside the marriage underscores the significance of marriage therapy. The Qur'an states in Surah An-Nisa (4:19):

*"And live with them in kindness. For if you dislike them perhaps you dislike something in which Allah has placed much good."*

This verse emphasizes the importance of kindness, patience, and empathy in marriage values that are essential to the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's counseling services. These ideas form the foundation of the center's marriage counseling program, which provides a comprehensive and religious framework for resolving marital conflicts and building solid, long-lasting relationships.

In Islamic society, marriage is an important institution because it forms the basis of the family, which is the cornerstone of the larger community (Farhang & Hashemi, 2023; Platt & Scheitle, 2017; Sofiandi et al., 2024). However, a number of Muslim areas, including Azare, Bauchi State, have seen a discernible rise in marital disputes and divorce rates in recent years (Sarkinfada & Babayo, 2021). These problems are frequently linked to a lack of knowledge about Islamic marriage law, insufficient readiness for married life, and a dearth of efficient dispute resolution procedures. Many couples don't have the knowledge and abilities to handle the difficulties they may encounter in their marriage, which can cause miscommunication, animosity, and ultimately marital disintegration.

The TafarkinTsira Islamic Center has acknowledged these issues and taken steps to address them by providing marriage counseling services. Nevertheless, in spite of the center's best efforts, there is still a large vacuum in the literature about the effectiveness of these services in lowering the rate of divorce and encouraging stable marriages in the community. This vacuum raises concerns about the accessibility, cultural relevance, and overall influence of the counseling services provided by the center on the Muslim population in Azare. Moreover, activity must be done to determine how these services can be improved in order to better meet the community's changing needs in a way that is both culturally and religiously acceptable.

This activity seeks to address these issues by critically examining the role of TafarkinTsira Islamic Center in providing marriage counseling services, the challenges it faces in delivering these services and the impact of its counseling programs on marital stability within the Azare community.

The founding of TafarkinTsira Islamic Center was driven by a deep commitment to the propagation of Islamic knowledge and the provision of spiritual guidance to the Muslim community in Azare. The center was established in the year 2020, a period marked by a growing awareness of the need for structured Islamic education and religious services in the Azare. At that time, the town of Azare, though rich in Islamic heritage, lacked a central institution that could serve as a hub for both religious alternative dispute resolution center and educational activities for widows and less.

A group of prominent Islamic scholars and community leaders in the area worked together to establish the center because they saw the urgent need for a special place where Muslim adult women—the majority of whom are widows or orphans—could come together for religious studies, spiritual guidance, and marriage preparation as well as community activities. The center's permanent location was kindly donated by a well-known local family, who were themselves pious Muslims with a long history of charitable giving to religious causes. The first building was small, with just a small mosque and a few classrooms for activitying the Qur'an. Later, the center managed to secure land for an enlargement, which is currently being built (Muhammad et al., 2023). The TafarkinTsira Islamic Center in Azare, Bauchi State, Nigeria, has become a key player in marriage counseling services. The center was founded to advance Islamic teachings and promote community welfare, and it has been leading the way in tackling marriage issues that the Muslim community in Azare faces. The center offers marriage counseling services that are intended to help couples stay married for a long time by teaching them about their rights and duties, resolving disagreements, and offering continuous support.

The center was founded by Islamic scholars in the area who were dedicated to conserving the rich Islamic legacy of the area. Based on historical accounts, the center was first founded as a modest mosque where residents could pray and activity Islam. However, as the population of Azare grew and the need for Islamic education increased, the founders expanded the center's services and facilities to meet the needs of the community.

TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's successful founding may be credited to the vision and leadership of a number of important individuals who played a pivotal role in its formation. Among them was the well-known Islamic scholar and community activist Imam Abubakar Adamu Muhammad, who is recognized for having been the impetus for the establishment of the institution. Imam Abubakar was devoted to the propagation of Islamic knowledge and the spiritual advancement of the Muslim community in Azare. He had completed considerable studies in both Nigeria and beyond (Muhammad et al., 2024).

The efforts of well-known benefactor Alhaji Inuwa Yau and Hajiya Hafsat Muhammad, who supplied the funds required to build the center's initial buildings, supplemented Imam Abubakar's leadership. Inspired by their deep religious convictions and sense of civic duty, Alhaji Inuwa and Hajiya Hafsat regarded the center's founding as a way to give back to the community and guarantee that future generations would have access to high-quality Islamic education.

The late respected teacher and administrator Malam Usman Lawan Kakka, Adam Ibrahim Adam, Aliyu Muhammad, Mubarak Bello, Umar Adam, Ismail Salihu, and Salisu Muhammad were also important figures in the center's early development. They were in charge of creating the curricula for the Qur'anic and Islamic studies classes and recruiting qualified teachers. Through their efforts, the center was able to fulfill the dual roles of a place of worship and a learning center where adults and children could learn more about Islam.

TafarkinTsira Islamic Center has experienced tremendous expansion and change since it was founded. From its humble beginnings as a tiny learning center with a few rooms dedicated to activitying the Qur'an, it has grown into an extensive Islamic institution that fulfills numerous religious, educational, and social purposes. The leadership of the center, the support of the community, and the shifting needs of the population it serves have all contributed to this evolution.

The center added classes for adult Islamic education and leadership development for local leaders to its list of activities in 2021. The local community's support and donations, along with those from philanthropists who valued the center's work, made this expansion possible. The center was able to accommodate an increasing number of trainers and students and provide a wider range of educational programs, such as classes on Islamic law, Arabic language, married life training, and moral education, thanks to the newly introduced activities.

The year 2021 signified a phase of additional growth and diversity for the center. The center started a number of social welfare activities, such as food distribution for the underprivileged, healthcare services, and financial aid for low-income families, after seeing the need to address social issues in the neighborhood. These programs were created as an addition to the center's religious and educational offerings, demonstrating an all-encompassing approach to community service that is firmly based on Islamic principles.

The center's growing involvement with the larger community has also been a feature of its history. In an effort to foster social cohesion, interfaith understanding, and peace in Azare, the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center has teamed up with various religious and non-governmental groups in recent years. Through encouraging a sense of unity and support among its members, these initiatives have strengthened the center's position as a unifying factor in the community (Muhammad et al., 2023).

TafarkinTsira Islamic Center is still an important institution in Azare today, functioning as a center for social service, education, and religion. The management of the center continues to adhere to its guiding ideals while simultaneously making adjustments for the community's evolving requirements. This ability to evolve while staying true to its core mission is a key factor in the center's enduring success and relevance.

The TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's main goals are to spread Islamic teachings and strengthen ties between its members. Through a range of initiatives and events that address the community's spiritual, intellectual, and social needs, the center hopes to fulfill its objective. These include of social welfare projects, community outreach activities, religious counseling, and Qur'anic teaching.

Providing the kids of Azare with a high-quality Islamic education is one of the center's main goals. The center provides a variety of educational programs, such as classes on memorizing the Qur'an, instruction in Islamic law, and moral education. These initiatives aim to give young people the skills and values they need to live morally upright lives in line with Islamic teachings. The center is dedicated to meeting the social and economic needs of the community in addition to its educational objective. This is accomplished by a number of social welfare initiatives, such as the provision of food, cash aid to the poor, and medical care. The goals of these programs are to lessen poverty and raise Azarepeople' standard of living in general.

The TafarkinTsira Islamic Center is an important center for social and religious life in the Azare neighborhood. The center offers a place where locals can congregate for mutual support, education, and worship. The center has significantly improved the lives of the local populace via its numerous activities, especially in the fields of social welfare and education.

The center's involvement in advancing Islamic education among young and adult women is among its most noteworthy contributions. The younger generation now has a stronger sense of moral principles and religious identity thanks to the center's educational programs. In addition to strengthening the community's spiritual fabric, this has helped create a society that is more harmonious and cohesive (Ardo et al., 2024).

Furthermore, the center's social welfare initiatives have given the community's most in need members much-needed support. Through tackling problems like hunger, poverty, and illness, the center has significantly improved the quality of life for a large number of Azare locals. Additionally, these initiatives have contributed to the community's sense of oneness and support for one another.

There are various reasons why this activity is important. First, by offering a thorough examination of the services provided by TafarkinTsira Islamic Center, it adds to the body of knowledge already available on Islamic marriage counseling. The results of this activity will provide insight into how well faith-based therapy programs work in a Muslim community to support marital harmony and lower the divorce rate. With the increased incidence of marital strife and the socio-cultural pressures that couples in Northern Nigeria experience, this is especially crucial.

Second, the activity provides useful information for community development and family welfare officials, counselors, and religious leaders. Through an analysis of the center's present marriage counseling services' advantages and disadvantages, interested parties can create more focused interventions aimed at assisting couples and averting divorce. This could result in the development of more successful pre- and post-marital counseling initiatives that are customized to the unique requirements of the Azare community and other contexts like it.

Third, the findings of this activity have wider ramifications for the function of Islamic institutions in providing community services. Islamic centers like TafarkinTsira are in a unique position to address societal concerns from a faith-based viewpoint because they are religious institutions. This activity emphasizes how marriage therapy and other associated services could help these centers become more actively involved in fostering mental health, social cohesion, and family stability. The results can help develop plans for enhancing Islamic centers' ability to act as focal points for advice and assistance in the community.

In order to address today's social difficulties, this activity emphasizes the significance of fusing counseling practices with religious beliefs. It serves as an example of how Islamic values can be incorporated into contemporary counseling techniques to promote enduring, wholesome relationships that enhance the community's general well-being. This essay aims to investigate TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's involvement in providing community services, with a particular emphasis on marriage counseling. The purpose of this activity is to demonstrate the value of faith-based counseling in fostering marital peace and the well-being of the community by looking at the counseling services offered by the center, their effects on the community, and the larger implications for social stability.

## **B. Methods**

This activity uses qualitative methodology to show how these services have improved the overall well-being of society, reduced divorce rates, and made a significant contribution to marital stability. Data collection was carried out through the use of content analysis, interviews, and a review of previous reports. The activity was carried out in 2024 at the Tafarkin Tsira Islamic Center Azare, Bauchi State, Nigeria.

## **C. Results and Discussion**

The results of this activity demonstrate how important the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center is to the Azare community's access to marriage counseling services. Deeply founded in Islamic beliefs, the center's services have proven successful in resolving marital disputes, enlightening couples about their duties and responsibilities, and building stronger, more secure marriages.

### *1. Qur'anic memorization program*

Because it forms the basis for community religious instruction, the Qur'anic memorization program is very important. Young children are enrolled in the program, where they receive one-on-one instruction from qualified teachers on how to remember and recite the Qur'an. Along with imparting a thorough knowledge of the Qur'an, this program helps pupils develop a strong sense of discipline and commitment.

The center offers classes in Islamic jurisprudence, which is necessary to comprehend the practical applications of Islamic law (Sharia), in addition to Qur'anic activity. The regulations of prayer, fasting, zakat (almsgiving), and other religious duties are just a few of the many subjects covered in these seminars. The center guarantees that community members may apply Islamic concepts in their daily life and are well-versed in their religious duties by providing these lessons (Muhammad, et al., 2024).

Given that Arabic is the language of the Qur'an and Islamic activity, the institute also provides Arabic language instruction. Students who are proficient in Arabic can interact with Islamic writings in their native tongue, which broadens their comprehension of the faith. The TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's Arabic curriculum is meant to accommodate students of all skill levels, from absolute beginners to experts.

It is impossible to overestimate the significance of these classes since they are vital in forming the participants' moral and religious identities. The center recognizes the value of educating all community members, regardless of gender, and provides particular classes for women and young girls. By guaranteeing that the advantages of Islamic education are available to all, this inclusive strategy promotes a well-educated and diverse Muslim community (Muhammad, et al. 2023).

### *2. Marriage Counseling Services*

According to the report, the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's marriage counseling services have had a significant influence on the stability of marriages in the Azare community. The communication, mutual understanding, and general marital satisfaction of couples who took part in the center's counseling sessions significantly improved. Pre-marital counseling sessions proved to be very successful in preparing couples for the rigors of married life by providing them with the knowledge and abilities needed to successfully navigate their new roles. The community's rate of marital disputes and divorces has decreased as a result of this proactive strategy.

The activity also emphasized the effectiveness of the center's post-marital counseling programs, which give married couples continued assistance. These sessions have been instrumental in helping couples address issues that arise after marriage, such as financial stress, family interference, and child-rearing challenges. By offering continuous guidance, the center ensures that couples have access to the support they need to maintain a healthy and fulfilling relationship.

A comprehensive marital counseling service that meets the various needs of the Azare community is provided by the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center. The institution uses a multimodal approach to marriage counseling that includes mediation, religious instruction, and useful guidance intended to improve marital ties. Some of the most popular counseling services are as follows:

#### *a) Pre-Marital Counseling*

Pre-marital counseling is one of the main services offered by the institution. This entails teaching aspiring couples about the Islamic meaning of marriage, the responsibilities and rights of spouses, and the standards of married life. The center's pre-marital counseling sessions are usually led by knowledgeable scholars and imams who offer advice based on the Hadith and Qur'an. A successful marriage requires a variety of abilities, some of which are covered in these sessions: money management, communication, dispute resolution, and sexual ethics.

One of the main services provided by the facility is pre-marital counseling, which aims to get potential couples ready for the reality of marriage. Couples learn about the practical, emotional, and spiritual facets of marriage throughout these sessions to help them enter into the union with a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. This proactive approach to marriage counseling is essential in preventing conflicts and misunderstandings that could arise later in the marriage (Muhammad, Idriss, Ardo, et al., 2023).

#### *b) Conflict Resolution and Mediation*

Apart from pre-marital counseling, the center offers mediation and conflict resolution services for couples going through a difficult time in their marriage. The imams and counselors at TafarkinTsira Islamic Center



are trained in Islamic jurisprudence and counseling techniques, which allows them to offer solutions that are both practical and compliant with Islamic teachings. This service has been crucial in lowering the divorce rate in the Azare community because it gives couples the tools they need to work through their differences and mend their relationship. This procedure frequently entails one-on-one meetings in which the counselor listens to both sides, pinpoints the source of the disagreement, and presents remedies that are consistent with Islamic principles.

The center takes a comprehensive approach to conflict resolution, treating underlying causes including poor communication, financial strain, or intervention from family members in addition to the current problem. The center contributes to the preservation of marital peace and prevents the escalation of tensions by offering a secure and encouraging space for couples to voice their worries.

#### c) Post-Marital Counseling

Another important part of the center's offerings is post-marital therapy, which provides continuing assistance to couples as they work through the difficulties of marriage. Newlyweds can benefit most from this service since they might require assistance adjusting to their new roles. The center ensures that couples are able to maintain a happy and successful relationship by offering ongoing support, which helps to improve marital relationships (Muhammad, et al. 2023).

This service is especially helpful for recently married couples who might be having difficulties adjusting to married life. The center offers couples continuing assistance and guidance on navigating the challenges of marriage and preserving a solid, loving bond. Sessions for post-marital counseling frequently center on improving communication, controlling expectations, and creating a strong understanding between spouses (Nyundo et al., 2021).

For couples who have been having marital problems for a long time, the clinic also provides counseling. In these situations, the counselors collaborate closely with the couples to pinpoint recurring problems and create solutions. Couples can attain long-term marital pleasure and develop their link with each other with the help of this ongoing support.

Islamic societies use marriage counseling to teach couples about their rights and responsibilities in addition to helping them resolve conflicts (Handari et al., 2023; Lantasanna et al., 2023; Sutrisno, 2023). This is essential to ensuring that marriages are based on a solid basis of respect and understanding for one another. Marriage therapy is a crucial component of TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's larger goal of advancing social welfare and religious instruction.

### 3. Social Welfare Activities

In addition to its educational endeavors, TafarkinTsira Islamic Center is actively engaged in social welfare projects that help the less fortunate people in the neighborhood. The Islamic values of generosity and compassion, which place a strong emphasis on aiding the poor, form the foundation of these initiatives.

Food distribution is one of the main social welfare services offered by the institution. The organization often hosts food drives to make sure the underprivileged in the neighborhood have access to basic nourishment, especially during the holy month of Ramadan. Contributions from the neighborhood support these food distribution programs, which are a vital component of the center's outreach initiatives.

Apart from providing food distribution, the center also helps low-income families and people who are experiencing financial difficulties with financial support. Usually, this support comes in the form of zakat, which is a required charitable deed for Muslims and one of the Five Pillars of Islam. In order to reduce poverty and offer a safety net for the neediest, the center gathers zakat from the community and distributes it to qualified clients (Muhammad, et al. 2024).

Another field in which TafarkinTsira Islamic Center has made a major impact is healthcare. Periodically, the facility hosts health clinics where locals can get basic medical care, such as consultations, immunizations, and health education. These clinics are particularly important in a region where access to healthcare can be limited, and they play a crucial role in improving the overall well-being of the community.

### 4. Strengthening Marital Bonds and Reducing Divorce Rates

Strengthening marital ties is one of the most important results of the center's marriage counseling services. Counseling clients at the center demands better communication, increased understanding amongst partners, and a deeper dedication to their union. This is advantageous to the couples personally as well as to their kids, other family members, and the larger community.

Although it is legal in Islam under some circumstances, divorce is usually the final option. By addressing problems before they become irreversible, the marriage counseling services offered by TafarkinTsira Islamic Center have proven to be quite effective in reducing the number of divorces. The center assists couples in working out their issues and coming up with solutions that will keep them together through mediation and conflict resolution. As a result, the center has contributed to a reduction in divorce rates within the Azare community, promoting family stability and social cohesion (Muhammad, et al. 2024).

#### 5. Enhancing Community Well-being

The community's general well-being is enhanced by the center's marriage counseling services. Strong families are the cornerstone of a robust marriage, and robust families are the cornerstone of a rich and healthy society. Through providing support to couples in maintaining stable, loving relationships, the facility helps the community feel safe and content. This is advantageous for social interactions, financial security, and mental well-being, among other facets of community life.

#### Challenges in Service Delivery

- 1) Notwithstanding the benefits of marriage counseling, the activity found certain obstacles that the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center must overcome in order to provide these services. The center's insufficient resources are one of the biggest issues. Since the center is a community-based organization, it mostly depends on donations and volunteer support, which isn't always enough to keep up with the increasing demand for its services. Due to a lack of resources, the center is unable to provide more counseling services to more couples in need of assistance.
- 2) Another issue is the societal stigma associated with counseling, especially for men. According to the activity, some community members consider counseling as a sign of weakness or failure, which deters couples from getting assistance when they need it. The successful provision of marriage counseling services is severely hampered by this cultural stigma, which also emphasizes the need for increased public knowledge and education about the advantages of counseling for preserving a happy marriage.
- 3) In addition, the activity showed that although the center's counselors are knowledgeable with Islamic principles, they still require more instruction in contemporary counseling methods. According to (Ardo et al., 2024), including Islamic concepts into these procedures has the potential to improve counseling services' efficacy and responsiveness to the community's different requirements.

#### Broader Implications for Islamic Counseling in the Center

The results of this activity have wider ramifications for Islamic counseling practices in comparable community contexts. The TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's marriage counseling services have been successful, which shows that Islamic centers have the ability to use faith-based guidance to address societal concerns more actively. These institutions can provide couples with all-encompassing support, bolstering relationships and, consequently, the community at large, by fusing Islamic teachings with pragmatic counseling techniques.

The activity also emphasizes how crucial cultural sensitivity is while providing counseling services. Islamic centers have to provide counseling that is both practically sound and suitable from a religious standpoint, all the while navigating the cultural norms and values of the populations they serve. This balance is crucial in ensuring that counseling services are accessible and beneficial to all members of the community, regardless of their background or beliefs.

The difficulties this activity found further highlight the need for more funding for Islamic counseling services. Increasing funding, education, and community involvement may help Islamic centers better fulfill the requirements of their communities by enabling them to offer high-quality counseling services. In order for Islamic centers to maintain marital stability and enhance the general well-being of the community, this investment is crucial.

The Azare community has benefited greatly from the marital counseling services offered by TafarkinTsira Islamic Center. By providing these services, the center has significantly improved the general well-being of families in the area, increased marital stability, and decreased the rate of divorce.



**Figure 1.** Documentation of Activities

Based on the findings of this activity, the following recommendations are proposed:

- 1) To increase the scope of its counseling services, the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center ought to look for more financing and resources. This might entail collaborations with regional and global Islamic groups, governmental bodies, and non-governmental organizations dedicated to promoting family stability and communal advancement. Improved resources would allow the center to serve more people and offer couples greater all-encompassing help.
- 2) To exchange resources, tactics, and best practices, the center should work with other Islamic centers and counseling associations. Establishing connections with like-minded establishments can yield insightful information, aid the center in improving its offerings, and tackle shared obstacles. It is recommended that the center develop community education initiatives emphasizing the significance of obtaining help for marital troubles in order to overcome cultural opposition to counseling. These programs, which emphasize the value of counseling in averting divorce and fostering a happy, healthy marriage, might be presented as sermons, workshops, or open lectures.
- 3) The counselors at the facility need to get continual training in cutting-edge counseling methods that enhance Islamic principles. Counselors can offer couples more effective help that meets their unique needs by combining modern techniques with religious instruction. Workshops, seminars, and certificates in marriage and family counseling may be part of this training.
- 4) The center ought to think about adding family mediation to its list of offerings so that members of the extended family can participate in the counseling process as well. This would be especially helpful in settling disputes resulting from involvement by family members, which is a prevalent problem in many community marriages.
- 5) The facility needs to set up a system for tracking and evaluating its counseling services to determine how successful they are. Couples who have taken part in the sessions on a regular basis can provide feedback that can be used to pinpoint areas that need development and make sure the services continue to be applicable and efficient in serving the community's needs. The center should investigate how to reach a larger audience especially those who might not be able to attend in-person sessions by utilizing technology, such as digital resources and online counseling platforms. The center's services could be expanded to other regions of Bauchi State and beyond with the help of this strategy.
- 6) The center ought to provide top priority to documentation and activity on its counseling methods and results. The center can make a significant contribution to the field of Islamic counseling and serve as a model for other institutions by disseminating reports and case studies.

By putting these suggestions into practice, the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center will be able to further establish itself as a major supplier of marriage counseling services, which will ultimately improve the community of Azare and serve as an example for other Islamic centers in the area.

#### **D. Conclusion**

In conclusion, the TafarkinTsira Islamic Center in Azare has become a crucial organization for offering Islamically based marriage counseling services. The center's initiatives have made a major difference in fostering marital stability, lowering conflict levels, and addressing the particular difficulties that couples in the Azare community confront. The center has effectively promoted a greater understanding of the spiritual and practical aspects of marriage by providing pre-marital, post-marital, and continuous counseling



services, thereby contributing to the strengthening of the community's fabric. The community of Azare has greatly benefited from TafarkinTsira Islamic Center's marriage counseling services. The center's faith-based strategy, which is founded on Islamic principles, has proven successful in lowering the divorce rate and fostering marital harmony. On the other hand, obstacles including a lack of resources, cultural opposition, and the requirement for more training point out areas that require improvement. By addressing these issues, the center may be able to improve the efficacy of its services and serve as an example for other Islamic organizations looking to help their communities by offering marriage counseling. The activity does, however, also point out a number of difficulties the center has in providing its services. These include the dearth of resources, the need for further training in contemporary counseling techniques, and cultural opposition to therapy. It is imperative that these issues be resolved if the center is to carry on and grow in its assistance of married couples in the neighborhood. Moreover, the broader implications of this activity suggest that Islamic centers like TafarkinTsira can play a more significant role in social welfare by integrating faith-based guidance with contemporary counseling practices.

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